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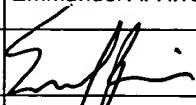
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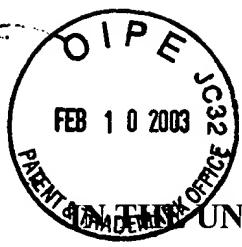
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13 **AMENDMENTS**

14 **In The Specification**

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16 Please replace the fourth paragraph (beginning at line 18) of page 5 with the
17 following:

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19 An image retrieval system performs both keyword-based and content-based
image retrieval. A user interface allows a user to specify a query using a
20 combination of keywords and example images. Depending on the input query, the
21 image retrieval system finds images with keywords that match the keywords in the
22 query and/or images with similar low-level features, such as color, texture, and
23 shape. The system ranks the images and returns them to the user.
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